



Star of the Week	
Reception	Imogen Hewitt
Year 1	Esme Edwards
Year 2	Alfie Carver
Year 3	Arthur King
Year 4	Penelope Fox
Year 5	Gracie Chapman

PE Days	
Reception	Friday (Children to come in PE Kit)
Year 1	Monday & Wednesday
Year 2	Monday & Wednesday
Year 3	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 5	Wednesday & Friday

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Headteacher's Award

Albert Robinson & Lucas Parker
For delivering an excellent performance during the year 5 class assembly. You were both so confident and articulate. A 'Unique' Performance!



Friday Fine Diners

This week's Friday Fine Diners are Rupert Young in Year 1 and Alice Manuel in Year 5

Lunchtime Award

Well done to Year 2 for achieving the lunchtime award this week. You will receive a treat to celebrate your achievement.

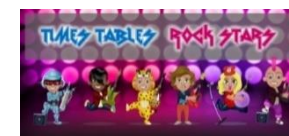


Highburton CE First Academy

This Weeks Attendance	
Reception	97.6%
Year 1	89%
Year 2	93.8%
Year 3	93.9%
Year 4	88.7%
Year 5	99.3%

Attendance

Well done to Year 5 for achieving the highest attendance this week. You will receive a treat to celebrate your achievement.



TT Rockstar's

This week's times tables champions are 4 Year! Next week's battles have been set, please encourage your child to take part.

Term Dates

2024/2025	School closes at 3.30 p.m. on:	School opens again at 9.00 a.m. on:
Christmas	Friday 20 th December 2024	Monday 6 th January 2025
February Half-Term	Friday 14 th February 2025	Monday 24 th February 2025
Easter 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
May Bank Holiday	Friday 2 nd May 2025	Tuesday 6 th May 2025
Spring Bank	Friday 23 rd May 2025	Monday 2 nd June 2025
Summer Holiday	Friday 18 th July 2025	

2025/2026	School closes at 3.30 p.m. on:	School opens again at 9.00 a.m. on:
First day back		Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
October Half term	Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Monday 3 rd November 2025
Christmas	Thursday 18 th December 2025	Monday 5 th January 2026
February Half-Term	Thursday 12 th February 2026	Monday 23 rd February 2026
Easter 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026	Monday 13 th April 2026
May Bank Holiday	Friday 1 st May 2026	Tuesday 5 th May 2026
Spring Bank	Friday 22 nd May 2026	Monday 1 st June 2026
Summer Holiday	Friday 17 th July 2026	

Diary Dates

December	
Monday 16 th	KS1 Nativity afternoon Performance – 2pm.
Tuesday 17 th	The draw for the Christmas Raffle will take place today!
Tuesday 17 th	Last day to order Christmas performance DVD, USB & Blue Ray for delivery on 20 th December.
Wednesday 18 th	Last day to order Christmas Performance DVD, USB & Blue Ray for January delivery
Wednesday 18 th	All children can come to school in Non-uniform/Christmas/party wear. (Year 3, 4 & 5 No football kits)
Wednesday 18 th	KS1 Nativity performance – 9am.
Wednesday 18 th	KS2 Christmas afternoon performance at All Hallows Church – 2pm, Parents/Carers welcome
Wednesday 18 th	KS1 Christmas Craft afternoon, Santa visit & Disco – please book on Parent pay.
Thursday 19 th	All children can come to school in Non-uniform/Christmas/party wear.
Thursday 19 th	Christmas Lunch – If a school lunch hasn't been ordered a packed lunch from home will be required.
Thursday 19 th	KS2 Christmas Craft afternoon, Santa & Disco – please book on Parent pay.



Empowering Young Minds with New Laptops

Raising **£8,000**



Highburton Parent Teacher Association supports a school where every child is valued and empowered to flourish.

A school where kindness, helpfulness, honesty, and gratitude are woven into the fabric of daily life and is modelled by their pupils.

Our Parent Teacher Association is working hard on the 2024-2025 event calendar to ensure families have the opportunity to participate in events at minimal cost to help raise funds.

The money raised by the PTA this academic year will go towards new laptops for our children to help nurture and engage them in an exciting curriculum in order to inspire a life-long love of learning.

We would love your help to raise the sum of £8000 that is needed to purchase new laptops for our pupils.

If you can help with a donation to help towards our purchase, we would be very grateful

[Fundraiser by Jodie Lynch : Highburton C.E First Academy. \(gofundme.com\)](https://www.gofundme.com/)

THANK YOU

A HUGE thank you to all the Team at Paxmans based on Wakefield Road. They have kindly donated £250 towards our Go Fund Me target. The support from our local business has been amazing!

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PIONEERS IN SCALP COOLING

Easyfundraising

We've registered Highburton CE First Academy PTA with #easyfundraising, which means over 7,000 brands will now donate to us for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long.
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=364140&invite=j6v3e2&referral-campaign=c2s>





On Wednesday 18th December Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having a Christmas Craft afternoon which includes taking part in craft activities and a visit in class from Santa where they will receive a present. There will then be a party after school until 4.30 p.m. Children will be given a drink and a snack before being collected at 4.30 p.m. Year 3, 4 and 5 will be having a Christmas Craft afternoon on Thursday 19th December followed by an afterschool party until 4.30 p.m.

All we ask that a £5 voluntary contribution is made via Parentpay, even if your child is not staying for the disco after school (contributions cover the cost of craft materials and present from Santa). No child will be refused the opportunity to take part but if we do not receive enough money to cover costs the events may have to be cancelled.

Afterschool Choir

Trish Waller from Musica Kirklees will teach the children lots of songs from musicals to pop songs as well as more traditional pieces.

Your child doesn't have to be a fantastic singer to join, he/she just needs to love singing!

The club is running for 6 weeks starting on Wednesday 8th January until Wednesday 12th February 25. The cost is £25.85. per child. Please book by Thursday 19th December to secure your place.

KS1 & KS2 Christmas performances

You are now able to order a USB, Blue ray or DVD for both Christmas performances.

USB - £13.17

DVD – £10.17

Blue ray - £12.17

These are now available to order on Parent pay. Orders placed by Tuesday 17th December will be delivered to school on Friday 20th December. Orders placed on the 18th December (final day for orders) will be delivered to school in the New Year.

School Lunches

Just a reminder that if your child has school lunches and is in Year 3, 4 or 5 you must make sure that their dinner money account on ParentPay is kept in credit by at least one week. Please note from 2nd September 2024 the cost of School lunches has increased and is now £2.75 per day, so if your child has school lunches every day their lunch account must be in credit by £13.75. Since becoming part of the Enhance Academy Group on 1st September 2023 school lunch accounts are now managed in house. We currently have a high number of accounts that are more than one week in arrears. If your account is in arrears you will receive weekly reminder emails/texts until it is back in credit. If you are having difficulty with payments please contact the office. Thanks.

NB If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 or in receipt of pupil premium their school lunches are free so please do not pay any money on to their lunch account. **Also please remind your child that if they are having a PACKED LUNCH that they select this on the meal selector in school and do not select a meal – as this is causing parents to be charged for meals that their children are not having.**

Thank you.

Dinner Menu for W/C 16th December 2024

Please note Thursday 19th December is Christmas Lunch day

Week 1				
MONDAY	Oven Baked Sausage <i>served with Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli and Carrots</i>	Quorn Sausage <i>served with Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli and Carrots</i>	Pasta Bake <i>served with Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce with Homemade Garlic Bread</i>	Sponge of the Day <i>served with Creamy Custard</i> Homemade Flapjack Fresh Fruit Platter
TUESDAY	Quorn Dippers <i>served with Herb Potatoes and Peas & Sweetcorn</i>	Mixed Bean Casserole <i>served with Wholegrain Rice</i>	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Coleslaw <i>served with Seasonal Salad</i>	Sticky Toffee Pudding <i>served with a Vanilla Sauce</i> Fruit in Jelly Fresh Fruit Salad
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day <i>served with Oven Roast and Creamed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables</i>	Cheese & Onion Pinwheels <i>served with Oven Roast and Creamed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables</i>	Cheese & Garlic Panini <i>served with Seasonal Salad</i>	Chunky Fruit Muffin Reduced Sugar Desserts Fruit Yoghurts
THURSDAY	Chicken & Vegetable Casserole <i>served with Yorkshire Pudding, and Seasonal Vegetables</i>	Homemade Vegetable Lasagne <i>served with Homemade Wedges and Seasonal Salad</i>	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Cheese <i>served with Seasonal Salad</i>	Chocolate Fudge Pudding <i>served with Creamy Custard</i> Shortbread and Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit Salad
FRIDAY	Oven Baked Fish Fingers <i>served with Chips and Garden Peas</i>	Macaroni Cheese <i>served with Homemade Tomato Bread</i>	Cheese & Tomato Panini <i>served with Chips and Side Salad</i>	Selection of Home Baking Creamy Rice Pudding Fresh Fruit Platter

Snacks at school

Polite reminder that snacks should be brought in a small **named** container, see example below (we do not have space to store large/lunch boxes) These should contain fruit, vegetables or cheese **ONLY**. Yoghurts, breadsticks, crackers, cereal bars or sreen bars are **NOT** allowed. (This is due to children having allergies) **If you send your child to school with grapes, please can you ensure they are cut up, to prevent choking.** Please also remember to send your child with a **named** bottle filled with water. Thank you.

Collecting other children.

Please can we remind all parents that if your child is going to be collected from school by another parent you need to inform the class teacher in the morning or phone or email office2@highburtonfirst.org.uk to let them know during the day. If another parent asks to take your child and you have not told us about this, then we can unfortunately not let your child go without contacting yourself first. If another parent will be collecting your child long-term or you would like to give permission for another parent to take your child, then again please contact the school office via email to give this permission. Thank you.

Polite Reminder

Please can we remind all parents that children should have a bottle of water at school each day with them and a coat suitable for all weathers.



Use of playground equipment before and after school

Since the beginning of term we have again noticed children climbing on the trim trail and climbing frame in the playground before and after school. Please can we remind all parents and carers that due to health and safety, children are not allowed to play on the trim trail or other climbing equipment in our playground either before or after school. Please make sure you keep an eye on your children so they are unable to do this. This includes the trees in our grounds. Please can we ask that children and their siblings do not play with or move the activities that are set out in the Reception playground, Mrs Senior and Mrs Haigh spend a lot of time planning and setting activities out for the children, so we ask if you can encourage your children not to move things and mess with them. Thank you.



Parking on Northfield Lane and around school

Please do not park on Northfield Lane, especially at the junction. Not only does it contravene the Highway Code which states – do not stop or park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction. It is dangerous and puts our children's lives at risk. As we have stated many times before – **Northfield Lane is a private lane and parents and carers do not have right of access so please do not park on Northfield Lane.**

Polite reminder that the car park at school is for **STAFF ONLY**. (unless arranged with school)

Our school gates are now closed at drop off and pick up (due to the number of children and parents using the car park to park in, or as a short cut on foot), there have been instances where a car/van or cars have parked further on the lane next to the gate that goes across to our field. **Again – it is a private lane** and you are actually blocking a driveway by parking there! There are also cars regularly parked on the lane directly opposite our school gates to drop off and pick up. We are aware that the majority of our parents and carers either walk to school or park sensibly. However, there are a small number of parents who think it is ok to park anywhere whether that be half on a pavement or even totally on the pavement, across a driveway, on a junction, on a bend, in a bus stop, across the zigzag lines, on the grass verge, or literally in some cases in the middle of the lane! If you are one of these parents or carers please ask yourself - Would I park anywhere else like I do at school? We have no doubt the answer would be 'No!' In which case DO NOT PARK like that at school either!

Another reminder about hair!



Please make sure your child has their hair fully tied back for school every day. It must be tied back if it is long enough to do so. If your child (boys and girls) comes to school with their hair down it is really difficult for them to pay attention or concentrate when they are having to constantly flick their hair out of their eyes.

Children will be given a bobble to tie their hair back if it is getting in the way of their learning although we do not have a never-ending supply of bobbles and are giving out 5 or 6 bobbles every day. Having hair tied back also reduces the likelihood of head lice in school.

Even the football players wear their hair tied back/in a headband so it doesn't get in the way of their game.



Best wishes

Graham Booth (Head of School)

Tom Burns (Executive Head)